## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES FISHERY UPDATE



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## **JUNEAU HERRING UPDATE #1**

The department conducted aerial surveys of Lynn Canal, Tenakee Inlet, and Seymour Canal yesterday. Survey conditions were excellent with calm winds and high overcast skies. There was very little activity in Lynn Canal and Tenakee Inlet. Herring predators in both areas were few and scattered. No humpback whales were observed during the Lynn Canal segment of the survey and one humpback whale was observed in Tenakee Inlet east of Cannery Point. There was no evidence of hooligan in or near the freshwaters of Berners Bay.

The survey of Seymour Canal revealed a fair number of herring predators. No schools of herring or herring spawn were observed. Approximately 70 sea lions were observed on the east shoreline of Glass Peninsula south of Midway Point. Another 20 sea lions were observed at Point Hugh, and 60 sea lions were observed between the rock garden and Blackjack Cove. Four humpback whales were observed northwest of Point Hugh relatively close to shore and another 4 humpback whales were observed just offshore from the Rockgarden.

The next aerial survey will be on Wednesday and will include only Seymour Canal.

Juneau herring updates will be posted on the ADFG web site listed below.

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